

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Cuba

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c. The Soviet passenger ship Baltika arrived in Havana yesterday evening.

2. Cuba-  
Panama

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a. [ ] the Cubans have persuaded the Panamanian Communist Party to join them in setting up an espionage operation in Panama focussed on the Canal. Targets would be US military installations in the zone and military ship movements through the Canal.

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### 3. South Korea

a. General Pak has failed so far to bring defiant civilian political leaders to terms and the country continues to lurch toward civic disorder.

b. Pak was turned down by five of the six leading politicians whom he called in to propose reinstitution of the scheduled elections on condition that "corrupt politicians" agree not to run.

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c. The US is receiving "damned if you do, damned if you don't" treatment. The government newspaper intones against a "handful of short-witted foreign officials who attempt mechanically to apply...dogmas of democracy to Korea." Simultaneously, both military and civilian leaders almost desperately seek US advice on how to end the impasse.

**4. Indonesia-  
Malaysia**

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**5. Indonesia**

a. Communist party militants, long unhappy with the go-slow policy of party leader Aidit, are showing signs of kicking over the traces.

b. At the risk of offending Sukarno, with whom Aidit has had a kind of modus vivendi, they are trying to force Sukarno's hand in bringing about party representation in the Indonesian cabinet.

c. These elements, who look to the Chinese Communists for their lead, yesterday helped to stage a student demonstration in Java protesting the rising cost of living.

**6. Communist  
China**

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## 7. Guatemala

a. The alarm being raised over allegations of a mounting threat from Castro-Communist forces may be contrived as an excuse for declaration of a state of siege.

b. Armed with this weapon, military and rightist elements would have the means either to block ex-President Arevalo's return home or to place strict curbs on him once back. Arevalo has said that he will return on 31 March.

c. Whether the maneuver is being carried out with Ydigoras' blessing or in spite of him we cannot yet say.

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- B. India President Radhakrishnan affirms that Nehru recently vetoed a proposal to bring Krishna Menon back into the cabinet as Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs. Defense Minister Chavan, Menon's successor, is, meanwhile, becoming increasingly disenchanted with his job and a succession sweepstake is beginning to take shape.
- C. USSR space An earth satellite was put in orbit from Tyuratam shortly after 0330 this morning, Washington time. It appears to be another in the Cosmos series of unmanned, recoverable vehicles. [REDACTED]
- D. Hungary There is accumulating evidence that the Kadar regime is preparing to declare an amnesty for the remaining prisoners from the 1956 uprising. [REDACTED]

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F. Communist China - UK The number-two man in Peiping's ministry of foreign trade is due in London today. He is expected to be in the market for commercial aircraft and some industrial equipment, probably fertilizer plants.



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